



JOY HOFMEISTER  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Joy Hofmeister

**DATE:** November 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Waiver-Textbook Allocations

The following schools are requesting a statutory waiver of 70 O.S. § 16-114a. A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education (the "Board") that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning. Subject to the provisions of subsection E of Section 16-111 of this title, a school district that has received textbook funding flexibility approval from the Board may elect to expend any monies allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks, including any monies carried over as authorized pursuant to subsection A of this section, for any purpose related to the support and maintenance of the school district as determined by the board of education of the school district.

County	District	Request
Oklahoma	Edmond	Edmond Public Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to mitigate the loss of state aid revenue in order to maintain employment of teaching staff.
Woodard	Woodard	Woodard Public Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds for district wide supplies and equipment for school sites and operations of facility.

\* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.  
See the attached map.

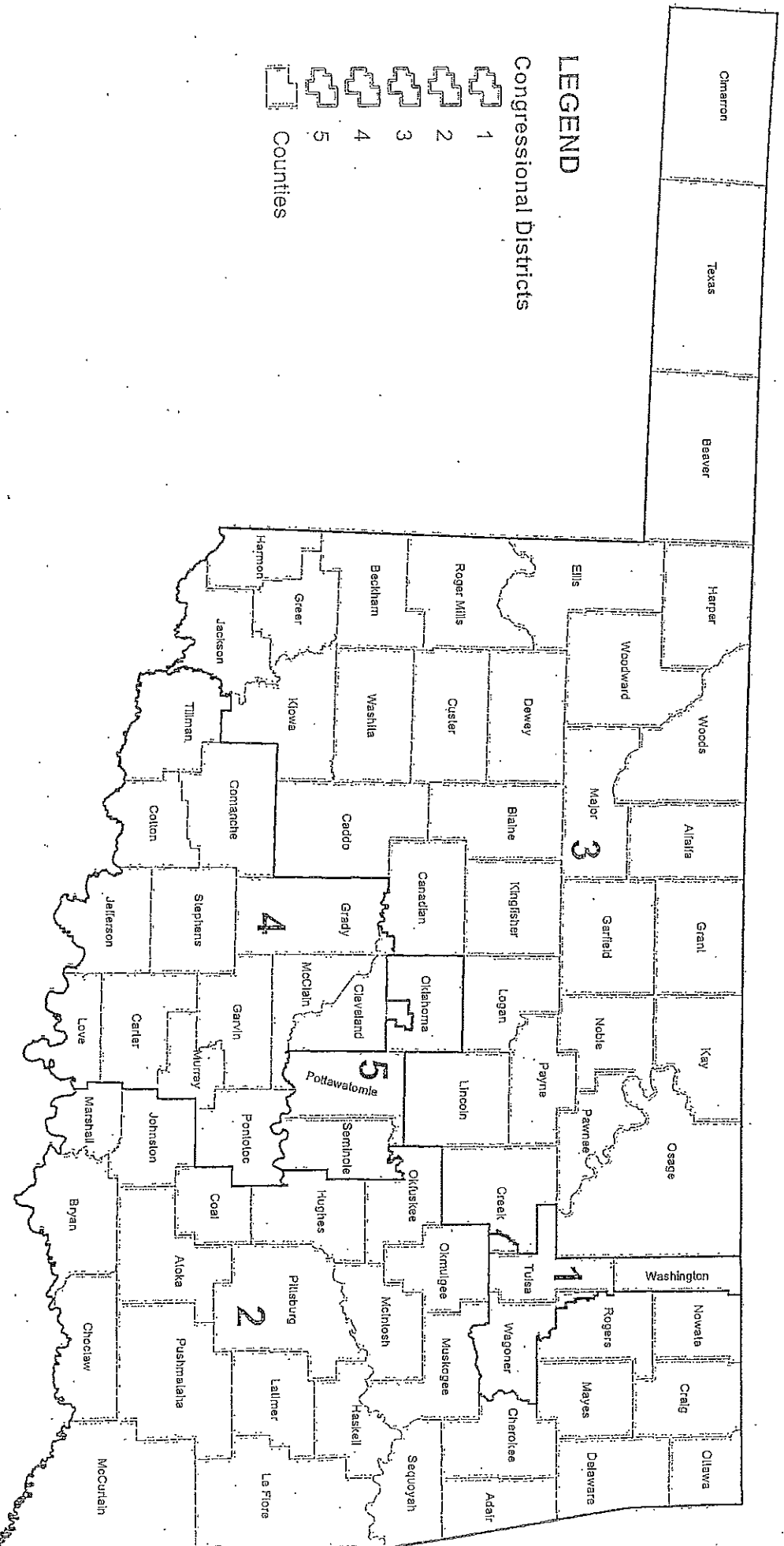
Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) Edmond Public Schools request.
- 2) Edmond Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.
- 3) Woodard Public Schools request.
- 4) Woodard Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.

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Attachments

# Oklahoma Congressional Districts 2012 - 2020 Elections



# SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 20 - 20 21 school year

Oklahoma 55

COUNTY

Edmond I-012

SCHOOL DISTRICT

1001 West Danforth

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS

Edmond

CITY

73003

ZIP CODE

Edmond Public Schools

NAME OF SITE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

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DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

Bret Towne

SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

bret.towne@edmondschools.net

SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

*Bret Towne*

SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE\*

10/08/2020

DATE

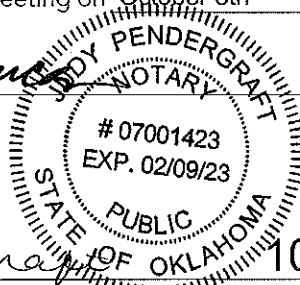
I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on October 5th, 20 20

*Jatasha Dumas*  
BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE\*

NOTARY SEAL →

*Judy Pendergraft*

NOTARY



10/08/2020

DATE

2/9/2023

COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived: Textbook Funds  
(specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions))

\*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.\*\*

## THE WAIVER/DEREGULATION IS REQUESTED FOR:



One Year Only

Three Years\*

\*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

## SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS

of

### ENROLLMENT

High School

Jr./Middle High

Elementary

0 District Total

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NAME OF WAIVER

- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include where you intend to allocate the funds that were designated for textbooks and, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied.

If approved, the textbook funds would be used to mitigate the loss of state aid revenue in order to maintain employment of teaching staff. Without these funds, budget cuts could be necessary which would result in larger class sizes and potentially increased unemployment costs.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students; please include textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning.

Edmond plans to use bond funds to purchase the needed textbooks. Since we have funds available to purchase textbooks, we feel these funds would be better spent reducing class size.

? Edmond Schools is current on all textbook adoptions.

Edmond Public Schools plans to use bond funds to purchase textbooks for the 20-21 adoption cycle. We feel the state textbook funds would better serve our students by reducing class sizes than to purchase textbooks that could be purchased with other funding. Edmond Schools is current on all adoptions:

o Elementary ELA – Benchmark    o Elementary Science – Foss  
o Elementary Math – Bridges      o Elem. S.S. – Studies Weekly & Pearson

- C. Have you been awarded this waiver before and what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

We previously applied for and received a textbook waiver in September of 2018 for the 2018-19 school year. Because textbooks had not been funded in the two previous years, we had used bond proceeds to stay current on textbooks. We applied for the waiver for the contingency of needing the funds for general fund operating expenses, but ultimately we used the funds for textbooks despite having the flexibility provided by the waiver

- D. Please describe any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation?

The flexibility in spending would allow us to leverage the voter approved bond funds for bond-eligible expenses and free up the state funding for payroll and operational expenses that cannot be directly paid from bond funds. 2020-21 will be a very difficult budget year because of decreased state aid appropriations and the dilution of the state aid factor rate from enrollment shifts to virtual charter schools. Edmond is losing almost five times more in state aid than we gained in CARES Act funding, creating an even greater need for flexibility.

- E. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, graduation rates, etc.

We will use class size numbers comparing what class sizes would be with out the teachers these funds were used for compared to class sizes with these teachers.

- F. Please include with your application the signed minutes from your local board approving this waiver.

attached

\*\* You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.

# MEMO

**To:** Mr. Towne and Edmond Board of Education  
**From:** Angela Grunewald  
**Date:** April 21, 2020  
**Re:** Purchase of Social Studies Textbooks

The textbook selection process began with a group of 42 teachers and 5 administrators representing all schools and various grade levels. Below you will find the voting results from all social studies teachers across the district. Highlighted and on the right are the companies we are recommending for adoption. Below each company you will see the number of votes they received and the percentage that equates to. You will also find the estimated cost for each adoption. The cost will vary based upon enrollment numbers in the fall and upcoming years.

## Voting Results:

K-2	McGraw Hill <u>69 (39.9%)</u>	<b>Studies Weekly</b> <u>104 (60.1%)</u>
3rd	Gibbs-Smith <u>6 (10.7%)</u>	<b>Pearson</b> <u>50 (89.3%)</u>
4th	McGraw Hill <u>17 (32.7%)</u>	<b>Pearson</b> <u>35 (67.3%)</u>
5th	McGraw Hill <u>11 (20%)</u>	<b>Pearson</b> <u>44 (80%)</u>
6th-7th	Pearson <u>6 (26.1%)</u>	<b>McGraw Hill</b> <u>17 (73.9%)</u>
8th	McGraw Hill <u>5 (38.5%)</u>	<b>Pearson</b> <u>8 (61.5%)</u>
9th	OU Press <u>0 (0%)</u>	<b>Clairmont Press</b> <u>7 (100%)</u>
10th	Pearson <u>5 (41.7%)</u>	<b>McGraw Hill</b> <u>7 (58.3%)</u>
11th	McGraw Hill <u>2 (25%)</u>	<b>Pearson</b> <u>6 (75%)</u>
12th	HMH <u>2 (14.3%)</u>	<b>Pearson</b> <u>12 (85.7%)</u>

\*Upper level AP courses were able to select textbooks based on single courses.

### Projected Costs for 6 Year Adoption:

Studies Weekly - K-2	\$ 230,160.00
PermaBound Class sets of K-2 Fiction and Nonfiction literacy	\$ 52,299.66
Pearson- 3-5, 8, 11th, 12th, AP Euro, AP Human Geo.	\$ 960,270.59
McGraw Hill- 6th, 7th, 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 572,459.85
Clairmont Press-9th grade	\$107,177.03
Wiley-Psychology	\$ 65,644.06
Bedford, Freeman & Worth *AP World, AP Psychology, AP Economics	\$ 144,413.05
Perfection Learning- AP Govt	\$ 60,001.54
Norton- AP Comp Govt, AP US	<u>\$ 107,062.67</u>
TOTAL	\$2,299,488.45

### Highlights of Selected Materials:

- SS Weekly - one copy for each student
- Pearson 3rd-5th - one print copy for each student
- 6th - 12th Class sets of 50 to cover IEP needs, student checkout, and AISP
- AP courses will be one to one textbooks due to at home reading needs
- Studies Weekly incorporates engaging articles, images, and primary sources through weekly newspapers and is aligned with Oklahoma ELA and Social Studies standards.
- PermaBound books will supplement Studies Weekly by incorporating nonfiction and fiction titles. These titles are aligned with the weekly curriculum while addressing diversity and culture.
- Pearson offers project based learning and integrated literacy. In the elementary level, teachers receive leveled reader kits (below level, on level, above level) and desk maps for all students.
- Pearson has a robust online platform with lessons built around exploring, investigating, synthesizing, and demonstrating their knowledge.
- Pearson offers a digital library of reading and writing, podcasts, and videos incorporating current events to engage students in authentic civic issues.
- Pearson's Project Imagine is an immersive learning program to allow students to experience history with 360° Virtual Reality, role-playing, and decision making.
- McGraw Hill offers planning guides focused on inquiry and project based learning.
- McGraw Hill SyncBlasts offers a digital library of reading and writing, podcasts, and videos incorporating current events to engage students in authentic civic issues.
- Professional development is included in the three main adoptions.
- AP Social Studies books are available to all students in print and digital form.



REGULAR MEETING  
EDMOND BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 5, 2020

The Edmond Board of Education of Independent School District Number 12 of Oklahoma County Oklahoma, met in regular session Monday, October 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Edmond Public Schools, Administrative Center, 1001 West Danforth, Edmond, Oklahoma.

Members present: Kathleen Duncan, Jamie Underwood, Lee Ann Kuhlman, Cynthia Benson and Meredith Exline.

Others present: Bret Towne, Angela Grunewald, Debbie Bendick, Randy Decker, Justin Coffelt, Lori Smith, Cara Jernigan, Nancy Goosen, Rich Anderson, Susan Parks-Schlepp, Mike Nunley, Jason Ferguson, Jason Hayes, Tony Rose, Brian Eccellente, Penny Gooch, Jamila Crawford, Kartina McDaniel, Chelsea Foo, Marcy McVay, Kevin Williams, interested patrons, invited guests and Judy Pendergraft.

The meeting was called to order by President Duncan. Duncan-Present, Underwood-Present, Kuhlman-Present, Benson-Present, Exline-Present.

Mr. Towne led the audience in the Flag salute which was followed with a Moment of Silence.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Exline to approve the Agenda. Kuhlman-Yes, Exline-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Benson-Yes, Duncan-Yes.

The following recognitions were made:

- a. Community Partners –
  - Quail Springs Baptist Church
  - First Christian Church
  - Memorial Road Church of Christ
  - Edmond Church of Christ
  - Henderson Hills Baptist Church
  - Crossings Community Church
  - First UMC
  - New Covenant Church
  - St. Luke's United Methodist Church
- b. National Merit Semi-Finalists for 2020
- c. Commended Scholars for 2020
- d. National Recognition Program Scholars for 2020

The following publicly addressed the board:

- a. Wendi Dial
- b. Margaret Best
- c. Christopher Thiessen
- d. Teresa Epperly
- e. Dustin Smith
- f. Chelsea Foo
- g. Zac Bradt
- h. Emi Nash
- i. Olivia Owen

No one signed up to speak on an action item listed on the agenda.

20. Declared district property as surplus and authorize administration to dispose of properly.

21. Declared district technology property and equipment as surplus and authorize administration to dispose of properly.

Motion by Exline and seconded by Benson to approve the Scholastic contract for book fairs. Motion carried unanimously. Exline-Yes, Benson-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Duncan-Yes.

Motion by Exline and seconded by Benson to approve the Follett contract for book fairs. Motion carried unanimously. Exline-Yes, Benson-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Duncan-Yes.

Motion by Underwood and seconded by Exline to approve Village Travel for SF & Memorial bands to travel for OSSAA band contest. Motion carried unanimously. Underwood-Yes, Exline-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes, Benson-Yes, Duncan-Yes.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Exline to convene in executive session to discuss employment, hiring, appointment, promotion and resignation/retirement/termination of individual salaried employees and those set out on Schedules A and B; pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit. 25 § 307 (B)(1). (The Oklahoma Open Meeting Act) Motion carried unanimously. Kuhlman-Yes, Exline-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Benson-Yes, Duncan-Yes.

President Duncan acknowledged the board's return to open session at 9:35 p.m.

Statement of executive session by President Duncan: In executive session we only discussed the items listed on the agenda. Nothing else was discussed and no votes were taken.

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Exline to approve proposed certified personnel actions listed on Schedule A to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Kuhlman-Yes, Exline-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Benson-Yes, Duncan-Yes.

Motion by Exline and seconded by Kuhlman to approve proposed support personnel actions listed on Schedule B to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Exline-Yes, Kuhlman-Yes, Benson-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Duncan-Yes.

There was no New Business (This item is reserved to consider and vote on any business matters that were not known about NOR could be foreseen at the time the agenda was posted.)

Motion by Kuhlman and seconded by Exline to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Kuhlman-Yes, Exline-Yes, Underwood-Yes, Benson-Yes, Duncan-Yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

KATHLEEN DUNCAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

JUDY PENDERGRAFT  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

This agenda was posted at the Edmond Public Schools Administrative Center, 1001 West Danforth, Edmond, Oklahoma on October 1, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and notice of this regular meeting was given to the Oklahoma County Clerk, prior to December 15, 2019.

Judy Pendergraft  
Board Clerk and Minute Clerk

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OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
FEBRUARY 12, 2000

EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 012  
PROPOSITION NO. 1 EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Precinct	FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES	AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420103	72	7
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420104	52	5
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420106	83	8
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420206	37	10
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420207	5	0
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550035	129	30
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550036	153	9
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550037	162	27
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550038	94	20
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550039	149	26
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550040	132	27
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550041	92	42
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550042	211	43
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550043	275	35
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550044	347	86
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550045	327	75
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550046	78	24
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550047	62	25
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550048	78	22
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550049	56	13
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550050	0	0
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550051	61	15
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550052	107	21
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550053	128	27
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550054	130	44
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550055	184	58
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550056	172	32
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550057	136	36
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550058	398	85
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550059	184	49
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550060	348	119
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550061	269	74
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550062	221	35
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550063	60	20

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Precinct	FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES	AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550064	267	109
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550065	69	18
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550108	2	0
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550111	65	18
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550126	6	1
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550127	59	8
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550128	73	23
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550129	67	23
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550130	152	60
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550131	93	19
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550132	58	5
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550133	80	17
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550134	228	44
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550135	54	5
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550136	202	36
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550137	12	6
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550139	53	11
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550140	13	9
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550143	0	0
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550144	46	16
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550145	90	40
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OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
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EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 012  
PROPOSITION NO. 2 EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Precinct	FOR THE PROPOSITION - YES	AGAINST THE PROPOSITION - NO
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420103	69	10
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420104	53	4
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420108	81	10
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420206	39	8
LOGAN COUNTY PCT 420207	5	0
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550035	131	29
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550036	151	10
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550037	161	26
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550038	92	21
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550039	149	26
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550040	124	34
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550041	89	44
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550042	207	47
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550043	268	40
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550044	344	87
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550045	316	84
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550046	82	20
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550047	61	26
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550048	80	20
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550049	56	14
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550050	0	0
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550051	56	17
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550052	104	24
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OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550055	183	59
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550056	170	34
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550057	133	37
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550058	390	92
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550059	186	47
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550060	346	122
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550061	261	78
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550062	217	40
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550063	60	20

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OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550129	68	19
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550130	157	54
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550131	92	19
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550132	55	8
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550133	79	18
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550134	232	40
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550135	53	6
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550136	200	37
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550137	12	6
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550139	53	11
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550140	12	10
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550143	0	0
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550144	44	18
OKLAHOMA COUNTY PCT 550145	87	42

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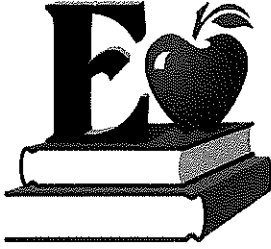
Precinct	FOR THE PROPOSITION -		AGAINST THE	
	YES		PROPOSITION - NO	
OKLAHOMA COUNTY ABSENTEE PCT	426		212	
Total:	7,009		1,901	

WE, THE DULY APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA COUNTY ELECTION BOARD, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT NUMBER OF VOTES CAST IN THE ELECTION HELD ON 2/12/2019. RESULTS OF SAID ELECTION ARE SHOWN ABOVE. DATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, THIS 15th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

CHAIRMAN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY



# EDMOND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*Empowering all students to succeed in a changing society*

October 6, 2020

Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent, and State School Board Members  
Oliver Hodge Building  
2500 N. Lincoln Blvd  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to request a waiver allowing state textbook funds to be used for other general fund expenses. According to 70 O.S. § 16-114a section B, "A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning." The bullet points below should demonstrate that Edmond Public Schools (EPS) currently has a plan to keep textbooks up to date independent of state textbook funds.

- Edmond Schools is current on all textbook adoptions.
  - Elementary ELA – Benchmark
  - Elementary Science – Foss
  - Elementary Math – Bridges
  - Elementary S.S. – Studies Weekly & Pearson
  - Secondary ELA – Houghton Mifflin - Collections
  - Secondary Science – McGraw Hill – Science and various others for individual subjects
  - Secondary Math – Discovery Tech Book
  - Secondary S.S. – McGraw Hill, Pearson, & Clairmont Press
- A bond issue passed in February of 2019 provided \$4,500,000.00 for textbooks
- Money passed in a bond issue must be spent towards the purchases promised to the voters
- Last year EPS spent over \$2,300,000.00 in previous bond funds for our social studies adoption.
- We have budgeted \$4,000,000.00 in current bond funds for next year's adoption.

While we are ever so thankful for the reinstatement of textbook funds, and most likely will need these funds for textbooks in the future, we are asking for your permission to use these funds for other general fund expenses in the 2020 – 2021 school year. Your approval of this request would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bret Towne  
Superintendent

*Bret Towne, Superintendent*  
1001 West Danforth, Edmond, Oklahoma 73003-4801  
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Email: [bret.towne@edmondschools.net](mailto:bret.towne@edmondschools.net)



# SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

## for 20 20 – 20 21 school year

Woodward

Woodward Public Schools

COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT

PO Box 668

Woodward

73801

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP CODE

District-wide

NAME OF SITE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE\*

DATE

Kyle B. Reynolds

SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

reynolds@woodwardps.net

SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

### THE WAIVER/DEREGUALTION IS REQUESTED FOR:



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Three Years\*

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SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE\*

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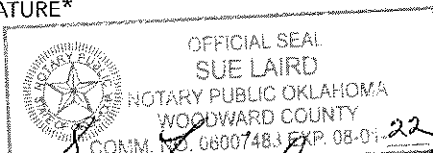
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I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on OCT. 12, 20 20

*Laura Semmler*

BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE\*

NOTARY SEAL →



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8/1/2022  
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- A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include where you intend to allocate the funds that were designated for textbooks and, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied.

Last Spring, prior to the pandemic, we were forecasting a decrease in revenue due to a decline in student enrollment that would result in a loss of approximately \$400,000. We made reductions in staff and expenses accordingly, and we had hopes that our bond election (originally scheduled for April and subsequently moved to August) would pass. In July our initial allocation came in \$1,084,000 less than last year due to the decrease in revenue for the state. Our fund balance carryover last year came in at \$828,977, which was down from \$3,096,691 in FY '17-18. We have invested heavily in certified staff salaries in an ongoing effort to recruit and retain high quality staff in our area. We are looking to decrease expenditures daily to make sure we complete this fiscal year in the black.

- B. List alternate strategies/plans which the district/site proposes, and how this plan will best serve the students of your district, i.e., a description of the educational benefits to the students; please include textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning.

We have leveraged \$505,000 in CARES funds for technology equipment and online platforms to accomodate the anticipated increase in distance learning and virtual learning. Over the past several years our district has invested in our 1:1 Digital Learning initiative with Chromebooks, iPads, laptops, online learning tools and learning management systems. Our teachers have increasingly relied on public domain and free, up-to-date instructional resources. This year we have encumbered \$37,363 of our allotted \$123,965.39 textbook funds on AP Government materials, elementary curriculum refills and resources, and NearPod.

- C. Have you been awarded this waiver before and what was the educational impact to the district: Results of the Statutory Waiver, i.e., effect on student performance levels, impact of plan on other sites in the district.

We have not been awarded this waiver before, as far as we are aware.

- D. Please describe any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation?

The financial impact to the district if the waiver is granted will be \$86,602.04.  
These funds will be used for general operations of the district.

- E. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, graduation rates, etc.

TLE indicators for certified staff effectiveness and student performance indicators for academic success (ACT, OCCT, RSA benchmarks, and formative assessments) will be used as the evaluation of effectiveness.

- F. Please include with your application the signed minutes from your local board approving this waiver.

\*\* You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.

**WOODWARD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOODWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING – October 12, 2020  
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING, BOARD ROOM  
1023 TENTH STREET, WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA**

The Woodward Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Board of Education Building. I, Sue Laird, Minutes Clerk, for Woodward Public Schools Board of Education, hereby certify that, in accordance and compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act 25 O.S. Section 301 et seq., the date, time, and place of this regular meeting was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Woodward County prior to December 15 of the last calendar year and the agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the location of the meeting at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The following Board Members were present: Leah Barby, Chad Mead, Lance Semmel and Shane Smithton. Also, in attendance were Kyle Reynolds, Jerry Burch and Sue Laird.

Board Vice President, Lance Semmel, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Cedar Heights 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student, Keslee Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Open Forum**

No one signed up to speak in Open Forum.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Reynolds updated the board on: Bleak budget outlook; Federal Government extends feeding waiver until Sept. 2021; COVID-19 meetings with State & Local Health Dept. officials, our own contact trace investigators & parent quarantine cooperation; OK Teacher of the Year, Jena Nelson tours WPS facilities, HPTC, NWOSU & is guest at Woodward Chamber Luncheon; and weekly Communications Mtg. with Health Dept.'s Teri Salisbury.

Jerry Burch discussed the Cashflow Statement; budget shortfalls for 2020-2021 due to COVID-19, local economy, Oilfield Industry downturn, loss of student population (moving away or enrolling in EPIC Charter Schools), etc. He said that there was no indication of midterm funding.

**Reorganization of the Board**

Leah Barby made a motion to elect Board Vice President, Lance Semmel to serve as Board President. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Shane Smithton made a motion to elect Leah Barby to serve as Board Vice President. Chad Mead seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

**Consent Agenda**

Shane Smithton made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approval of the Financial Reports for September 2020
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report – September 2020
- C. Approval of the budget revisions for FY 2020-2021
- D. Approval of expenditures, transfer of funds, and financial statement of Woodward Public Schools Activity Fund for September 2020
- E. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: September 14, 2020
- F. Approval of the Certificate of Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
- G. Approval of two new Activity Accounts: Winter Classic and Athletic Events
- H. Consider and possibly vote to approve new Encumbrances, Claims, Supplemental Claims, and additional payroll for September 2020 = GF PO's 310-351, Co-op PO's 50000-50002, BF PO's 95-108 and Hawkins PO's 50009-50013

**YEAR 21 – (Without Change Orders)**

1. General Fund: \$96,044.89
2. Co-op Fund: \$191,617.64
3. Building Fund: \$31,684.79
4. Hawkins Fund: \$10,765.00

**YEAR 21 – (With Change Orders)**

1. General Fund: \$95,634.56
2. Co-op Fund: \$191,617.64
3. Building Fund: \$31,684.79
4. Hawkins Fund: \$10,765.00

Leah Barby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Action Topics**

Leah Barby made a motion to approve the Annual Resolution calling for an election to elect a board member to board Office No. One (1), which has a 5-year term of office and board Office No. Four (4) with an unexpired term of office. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Leah Barby made a motion to approve the request to close split precincts: #300303 and #770203 with 100 or fewer registered voters. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Leah Barby made a motion to approve using the ACT in place of the SAT for College- and Career-Readiness Assessment (CCRA). College- and Career-Readiness Assessment (CCRA) ACT District Selection Guidance According to Section 1111(b)(2)(H) of ESSA and Oklahoma's federal peer review directive, Woodward ISD 001 intends to administer the ACT as a locally selected option for the CCRA state assessment. Woodward ISD 001 requests approval from the OSDE to use a nationally recognized high school academic assessment (ACT) in place of the statewide academic assessment (SAT). Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Leah Barby made a motion to approve the use of state-appropriated funding allocated for textbook funds for district wide supplies and equipment for school sites and operating of facilities for the 2020-2021 school year. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Executive Session**

Shane Smithton made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation, pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).

A. October District Personnel Report - Appendix A

Leah Barby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:00 p.m., Leah Barby made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Board President, Lance Semmel stated that the board met in Executive Session to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation, pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).

A. October District Personnel Report - Appendix A

The following members were present and no votes were taken: Leah Barby, Chad Mead, Lance Semmel, Shane Smithton and Kyle Reynolds.

Shane Smithton made a motion to approve the October District Personnel Report – Appendix A. Leah Barby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

### **New Business**

There was no new business for the board to discuss.

### **Adjourn**

At 7:02 p.m., Leah Barby made a motion to adjourn. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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Minutes Clerk

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Board President

**These minutes will not be official until they are signed at the November 9, 2020 School Board Meeting.**



# Woodward Public Schools

October 13, 2020

To: Oklahoma State Board of Education members and  
Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

I am writing this letter to request flexibility to use state-appropriated funding allocated for textbook funds for district wide supplies and equipment for school sites and operations of facilities for the 2020-2021 school year, pursuant to 10 O.S. § 16-114a section B.

This past Spring our district began to strategize and forecast for our 2020-2021 budget. A downturn in our local economy, which has historically followed the ebb and flow of the oil and gas industry, not only decreases our local revenue streams but also causes a reduction in student enrollment.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the downturn in the oil and gas sector was exacerbated. What we had initially calculated to be a \$400,000 reduction in state aide, subsequently turned in to a \$1,084,000 reduction in our initial allocation, and we are anticipating an additional reduction at mid-term.

We find ourselves in survival mode at this point looking for every possible cost saving measure we can find to make it through the year. I hope you will find adequate evidence and justification for this request in the attached documentation. If there is further information needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kyle B. Reynolds,  
Superintendent